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I wonder if you have
any idea how many
lives you touch.

I'm not talking about the big,
showy things that get written up
in newspapers or make the evening news.

I'm talking about the little
everyday things you do so easily,
like a compliment
when someone is feeling down
or a smile that seems to say,

"I accept you just as you are."

It seems that the goodness
in your heart just spills over
and spreads happy feelings
to everyone around you.

9-12-06

Dr. Collins,

Thank you so
much for the videotape.
It will always be
cherished by Andrea
and the entire family.
Last fall, Andrea's
baby was born
prematurely and died.
Dobby's sudden death
this summer was a
second tragedy. Your
tribute to his life was
wonderful.

Marion LaMayfield

And so, I just want to thank you
for being who you are
and to let you know
that I'm one of those people
whose life is just a little happier
because you're in this world.

Bobbie Burrow

P.S:
Enclosed is a note
from Andrea.

6/19/07

Dr. Collins,

Thank you so
much for taking time
out from your busy
schedule to speak to our
4th grade students.

The entire ECC#61
community is so
appreciative of your
knowledge and
wisdom that you
shared. Your generosity
is outstanding.

Sincerely, The ECC#61 Learning Community

Thinking of
your kindness
and sending
many thanks.

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Dear Dr. Collins,

Thank you so much
for your never ending
support and persistence.

I am thrilled by my
appointment and so excited
to continue Laura's and my
journey at #61. I love
working with her and
we're a great team!

Look for greatness
at #61! I am very
appreciative of all that
you have done for me.

8/08

so much

Thank you again
Take care ~
and I'll see you soon.
Sincerely,
Carol





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nce people who shared your
celebration.
I was so touched that you
acknowledged my presence...
like you said, "Every so often
you need a 'pat on your back'."
THANKS FOR MINE.

Love you Yangster
Carol

P.S. Here is my e-mail...

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Dearest Catherine,

Wishing heavenly peace
to you and yours this Christmas.

Thank you for your card.. You can't imagine
the joy I experienced at your Award
Ceremony... First of all to see, then
about your accomplishments... Much
beyond our early years together.
Catherine you & Fern were in my life
when students were sincere honest
trustworthy and dedicated to the
caring profession of nursing. It was
a joy to be a teacher then.
I was also blessed at your
evening to revisit with Fern & Ma
Jo O'Sullivan. I also met so many

October 18, 2016

Dear Regent Collins,

Thank you for taking time
to meet with me yesterday.

I look forward to future
discussions regarding our
15/7 course requirement
proposal and efforts to
enhance New York's CTE
programs.

Best Regards,

Peter



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Dr. Catherine J. Collins

Apr. 3, 2017



Dear Link Catherine,
Just a note to
let you know how very
proud I am of you for
your many achievements
and hard work.

I am blessed to
know you and to
call you "Sister-friend".

With love & blessings,

Jackie

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Best,
Sundberg



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Dr. Collins,
your commitment to education in
New York State is to be commended.

Thank you for including the High School
to College event in your schedule. We
appreciate you sharing your insights
regarding Information Literacy and how
best to address the gap from secondary to
college and beyond!

Regards,

Heather M. Benicio

2/20/18



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achievement, pre-K through college.

Dear Regent Collins:

Thank you so much for giving
opening remarks at The
educator diversity workshop at
The NYSABPRL conference.
We appreciate your leadership
and commitment to this
important issue and look
forward to staying in touch
about potential solutions.
Thanks again!

Best wishes,

Alya Mudha *[Signature]* Tiffany Lankes

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3/20/18
Dear Catherine,

I wanted to send you a personal note of thanks for participating in our event on March 10th, Transformational Leadership: Women In Power.

Your insights, thoughts, experiences & background are inspirational and aspirational. Also, I know that day was incredibly busy, so I send you extra-special thanks for making the time.

Thank you for being a
cheerleader & Leader for us all!
= Usee

Dr. Collins,

We just want you
to know how much
we appreciate your
thoughtfulness.

Thank You

Thank you for thinking
of the staff and students
of Bennett High School!
It's good to know that our
hardwork has not gone
unnoticed. Also, the students
really enjoyed the Ebony
Fashion Show. Thanks again!

Ramona Reynolds
Principal

DR. COLLINS,

I would like to
thank you for the
many Blessings, that
you bestowed upon my
family and I during
the tragic loss of my
son. Your words, presence
and gifts were deeply
appreciated. When it
comes to gender, there
are Females and women,
but in these gender there are
those who can be called a
Lady. Lady is the highest

compliment that one
can bestow upon this
gender but it takes a
very measured amount of
the right qualities to
obtain this status. Integrity,
credibility, intelligence etc. is
what one must possess. You
have them all. You are
a true Lady, please
stay in contact and may
God continue to Bless you.

Bohli Lufu

Dear Dr. Collins,



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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE FOOTBALL
TICKETS. WE HAD A GREAT TIME.

Barrett Fletcher

Frank Gist

James Morrell
Scout Master

Leona Harper
Committee Chairperson

Tihad Moore

James Tyus

Brandon Barksdale

Meshaun Johnson

Tzyah Vance

Deshaun Vance

Kaleb
Walker

Ali
Alono

Thank you
for attending the
Annual Debate Luncheon.
Your dedication and
support is greatly
Appreciated.

In praise of good people
who give of themselves,
share the love,
and make our hearts
so grateful!

Sincerely,
J. Charles Brandy



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Thanks!
You have a special
way...



Thank you so much

Thank you

Dr. Collins

~~Tha~~ Thank you Dr. Collins

Thank you very much

Dr. Collins, Love,
Reggie Bess

Thanks for making
the book for we love Tahara!

Thank you for ^{Mario}
writing this book
with us love Aleah
Tommie Claiborne

Pemetrius walls

London Love Dre Zale Yeda Yah

Willie



Janaiah

Gerald

Darrell

... of doing the nicest things!

Alicia

Tawnia

Thank you Dr. Collins Jayquan Thomas

Thank you Dr. Collins Kayliaw Wilson

Thank you Dr. Collins for visiting us
once again Qania Ellis

Thank you for making our books with us,
love Darrell

Thank you Dr. Collins Shitara
Knox

Derek Traxton Land

Thank you
Dr. Collins

Thank you Dr. Collins

for all you did for
us

Antwain
Williams

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Jadwan

Thanks very much
Dr. Collins Shakiyah Dutton



"Buffalo Gals" is an American folk tune with a meandering history: Originally published in 1844, it was titled "Lubly Fan" – dialect for Lovely Fanny – and beckoned a young woman to come out and dance. Although credited to the blackface minstrel John Hodges, it was probably adapted from other songs and moved easily between published versions and folk tunes learned by ear. The lyrics may have been inspired by an English singing game "Pray, Pretty Miss" while the tune is reminiscent of a German music hall song.

Versions of "Buffalo Gals" may have existed in oral tradition long before it was performed on minstrel stages; the song was known as "Round Town Gals" or "Round Town Girls" in Virginia and West Virginia. It's also been suggested the song originated in one of the seamier sections of 19th century Buffalo, NY. Adjacent to the Erie Canal ran "the wickedest street in the world" where Lake Erie sailors, canal workers, lowlifes, and "ladies" of a certain reputation frequented the city's many waterfront dive bars.

The words were frequently localized as the popular song moved about the United States with traveling minstrel troupes: "Charleston Gals," "Bowery Gals," "New York Gals," and "Philadelphia Gals." By 1848, "Buffalo Gals" had become the preferred version.

In honor and celebration of the ongoing resurgence here in Buffalo, NY we present BUFFALO GALS!

**Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight?
Come out tonight, come out tonight.
Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight?
And dance by the light of the moon.**



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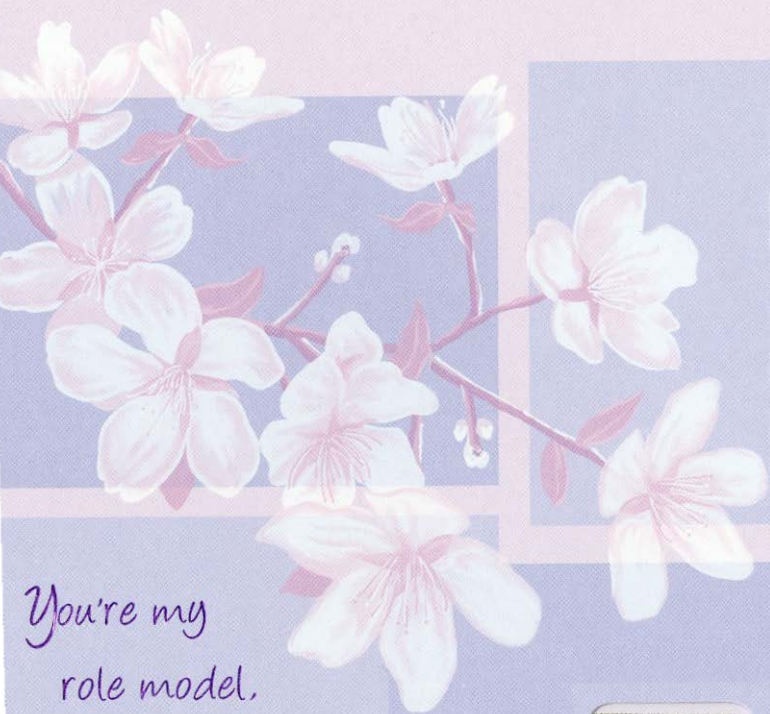
Dear Catherine,

Congratulations on
your retirement from ESC!

I know you will continue
to do great things for the
community and for education
as a Regent. It has been a
pleasure to work with you.

I look forward to a continued
collaboration & friendship. Best-
Catherine

To a Special Mother



You're my
role model,
my teacher,
my treasure
and my friend.



~~Catherine!~~

You are everything to me.

Happy Mother's Day With Love

Jackie
Puckett



Hoping
that little moments
of grace and goodness
will bring some lightness
to your heart
with each new day.

Dear Dr. Collins,
I want to extend my sincere
sympathies in the loss of your
nephew. I am so sorry that
such tragedy has touched
you and your family. My
deepest condolences,

Jane Brynask
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worked
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really,
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HARD—


Put in the hours,
battled the
frustrations...
gave of your blood,
sweat, and tears.

I'm still in awe
that you reached
out to me, after
thinking of you so
recently. Thank you
for requesting my
materials. I'm honored!
Let me again
reiterate how pleased

My dear Link Catherine,

And now...
finally...
it all paid off.

 Congratulations

 and proud I
am regarding your
appointment. Knowing
that you are at the helm
gives me greater hope.
I know you bring
your head/heart to the
work! - Sisterly Regards,
Marlyn Patterson Shast

My dear Catherine
Thanks so much
for gracing me
with your presence
at my retirement
Party. Your presence
meant so much to
me. You are such
a "Class Act!"

I love my wall
plaque! It is
simply beautiful
and so unique.

I'm off to St.
Martin in 2 weeks!

My friend Juliette
gave me this trip
as a graduation gift.
You met her at
my pajama Party.
(over)



I can't wait to relax
and release any
stress.

Stay in touch!
Much Love,
Nancy

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Nita Leger Casey

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Dear Catherine,
Heart-felt Thanks for your
participation + leadership in
the LIBN! I am so very
appreciative and you are
such an extraordinary role model!
Terry